



FORUM ON TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

EXPLORATORY FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Idaho can best develop its future transportation infrastructure through proactive decisions that do not rely on federal revenue sources to meet transportation needs.

The citizens of Idaho can control their own destiny by using numerous creative strategies for transportation investment.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Idaho should:

- P-1** Combine land use and transportation planning at all levels-state/regional/local.
- P-2** Provide opportunities for user-fee based systems (toll roads/HOT lanes, congestion pricing, etc.).
- P-3** Promote private/public partnerships whenever possible.
- P-4** Pursue future revenue opportunities and sources (wind farm tax, alternative fuel tax, user fees for hybrid vehicles, etc.).
- P-5** Transition from traditional revenue generating sources (fuel tax/others) to other revenue-generating methodologies (BTU tax, VMT tax, etc.).

POLICY/REVENUE RECOMMENDATIONS

Idaho should:

- P/R-1** Eliminate the effects of inflation by establishing index options for fuel, registrations, and/or other transportation-related fees.

POLICY/REVENUE RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

P/R-2 Acknowledge that Public Transportation is an integral part of Idaho's transportation system by dedicating revenue mechanisms to address public transportation issues.

P/R-3 Encourage improved freight mobility by initiating truck/rail/port infrastructure investments.

/R-4 Encourage and optimize the use of Local Option Fuel Tax.

P/R-5 Encourage and optimize the use of Local Option Sales Tax for transportation-related initiatives.

P/R-6 Index some or all fuel taxes, vehicle registrations, and other transportation-related fees.

P/R-7 Establish Tire Fees to generate revenue for transportation initiatives.

P/R-8 Create Rental Car Fee to generate revenue for transportation initiatives.

REVENUE RECOMMENDATIONS

Idaho should:

R-1 Increase fuel tax.

R-2 Increase vehicle registration fees.

R-3 Increase driver's license and other motor vehicle-imposed fees to at least be current with the cost of production.

R-4 Increase sales tax on transportation-related products and services.

R-5 Eliminate the ethanol exemption.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Idaho should:

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